IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 08-060702 CACE (07)
CASE NO. 09-01853 CACE (07)
(CONSOLIDATED)

MATTHEW ABERCROMBIE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

V.

SB HOTEL ASSOCIATES, LLC, BAYROCK GROUP, LLC, DONALD TRUMP, ROY STILLMAN, CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY and CORUS BANK, N.A.,

Defendants.

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VIDEO DEPOSITION OF CARINA RADONICH

TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFFS
JUNE 3, 2013
2:07 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

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2 WITNESS: Carina Radonich Page	2 JUNE 3, 2013 3 THE COURT REPORTER: We're now on the video
3 DIRECT EXAMINATION By Joseph E. Altschul, Esq. 6	4 record. Today's date is June 3rd, 2013 and the
4 CROSS-EXAMINATION	 time is 2:07 p.m. This is the video deposition of Carina Radonich taken in the matter of Matthew
5 By Herman J. Russomanno III, Esq. 89 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION	7 Abercrombie, et al. v. SB Hotel, et al., Case No.
By Patrick J. Rengstl, Esq. 91	8 08-060702 CACE (07) and 09-01853 CACE (07). 9 We are located at 2717 West Cypress Creek Road,
7 8	10 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 333 what's the ZIP
9 10	11 code? 12 MR. ALTSCHUL: 09.
11 12	13 THE COURT REPORTER: 09. The digital
13 14	14 court reporter is Jessica Cooper with the firm
15	15 Universal Court Reporting. Would counsel please
16 17	 introduce themselves for the record? MR. ALTSCHUL: I am Joseph Altschul here on
18 19	17 MR. ALTSCHUL: I am Joseph Altschul here on18 behalf of the plaintiffs.
20	19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Good afternoon.
21 22	20 Herman Russomanno on behalf of Donald Trump.
23 24	21 MR. RENGSTL: Patrick Rengstl on behalf of
25	22 Corus Construction Venture.
	23 MR. CHARLIP: David Charlip on behalf of the deponent.
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	25 Thereupon:



CARINA RADONICH, Q Okay. 1 2 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows: 2 Because English is not my native language. DIRECT EXAMINATION Q Okay. Sure. So, if I'm speaking too fast, 3 4 BY MR. ALTSCHUL: 4 tell me as well so that I can slow down my questions. 5 Q Please state your name. 5 And if you answer a question, I'm going to assume that 6 A Carina. 6 you understood it. So, that's why if you don't 7 Q And your last name. understand that I ask that you tell me that you don't 8 A Radonich 8 understand it. And then each time when you answer, 9 Q Radonich. And would you prefer to be called 9 again, you're going to have to give an audible answer 10 Carina or Ms. Radonich? 10 such as "yes", "no", "I don't know", "I don't 11 A Carina remember". Because when you nod your head, even though 12 Q Carina. Okay. Right. Carina, my name is 12 it's on the camera, the court reporter can't take it 13 Joseph Altschul, I represent the plaintiffs in this 13 down for the transcript purposes. So, you know, at 14 case. The plaintiffs are a group of approximately 81 14 times, if you slip and say "uh-huh" or "uh-uh", you 15 people who purchased, approximately, 53 units in the 15 know, one of the lawyers might say, "You have to say 16 project that was to be known as the Trump International 'yes'". We're not saying that to be rude, we're saying 17 Hotel and Tower in Fort Lauderdale. We are taking 17 it because we want to be sure that the transcript is 18 depositions in this case of people who may have 18 taken completely. Do you --19 knowledge of facts in the case. And that's the reason 19 A Okay. 20 why you've been served with the subpoena, and let me 20 Q -- understand everything so far? 21 ask you that on the record. You have been served with 21 A Yes 22 the subpoena to be here today, correct? 22 Q Okay. If you would please -- what language -23 A Yes. It was a very bad experience because 23 - you said that English is not your --24 the guy was so unrespectful, really, I mean it was very 24 A Spanish. 25 bad days for me. Never have something like this 1 before. 1 Spanish is your native language? Yes? Q Okay. Well, I'm -- I'm sorry that that was a 2 A Correct. I'm from Argentina. 3 bad experience. I certainly tried to work it in a way 3 Q Okay. So, yes, Spanish is your native --4 that it wouldn't be such a bad experience, but, A Yes. Spanish. Q Could you speak any other languages other 5 ultimately, that's where you left it. So, I'm going to 5

 $\boldsymbol{6}$ $\,$ ask you a series of questions today. And what I would

 $7\,\,$ ask is -- strike that. Have you ever had your

8 deposition taken before?

9 A Never.

10 Q First time ever?

11 A First time in my life.

12 Q Okay. So, I'm going to be asking you

13 questions and then afterwards, the other attorneys may

14 ask you questions as well. And what I want you to do

15 is make sure you wait for me to finish my question

16 before you start to answer. And then if you don't

17 understand my question, tell me that you don't

18 understand so that I can try and rephrase the question.

19 If you're not sure of what I mean in my question -- if

20 you don't say something, I'm going to assume you know

21 what I mean. Now, when you answer the questions, you

22 have to answer audibly. You -- you can't nod your head

23 because the court reporter can't take that down. Even

24 though we do have a videotape --

25 A Speak slowly.

6 than English and Spanish?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay. I'd like you to share with me your

 $9\,\,$ educational background going back to the time that you

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10 finished high school.

11 A My education background?

12 **Q Yes**

13 A I went to the university for two years and a

14 half. Law university, but in Argentina. Law

15 university. And after I get married and, you know, I

16 did real estate course here in the United States and

17 get my license, and that's my -- my -- my background.

18 Q Did you graduate from college?

A No. College --

20 Q University.

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A No. I make like two years and a half. Almost

22 three years before I get married.

23 Q Which university?

A University -- North University in Argentina.

25 Q And where is that?



- A It's in Corrientes. 1
- 2 Q Okay. When did you come to the United States
- 3 to -- to live?
- A '98.
- Q 1998? And have you resided in the United
- 6 States since 1998?
- A Yes.
- Q Okay. When did -- what years did you attend 8
- 9 the university?
- A Oh, it was in '90- -- '93, '92, '91. I get 10
- 11 married in 1994, so many years ago.
- 12 Q If you would, please, walk me through the
- 13 types of job that you've worked since you left the
- 14 university.
- 15 A The type of work? I -- well, I always worked
- 16 following my husband. My husband is an engineer. And,
- 17 you know, we get married. We -- we have been boyfriend
- 18 and girlfriend forever, and we get married. Then I
- 19 moved to Chile. And after Chile, I get -- moved to the
- 20 United States. And in the United States, I was, you
- 21 know, managing a Bal Harbour Shops place like a fashion
- 22 and -- and after that, I get my real estate license,
- 23 and I start working doing general real estate. And --
- 24 and after, I enter in -- in the developer.
- 25 Q Ball Harbour Shops, were you the manager of

- Are you licensed a real estate agent?
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- 4 Are you licensed as a broker?
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- 6 What year did you obtain your real estate
- 7 license?
- 8 A No, I don't remember.
- Q Okay.
- 10 A I don't remember the year exactly.
- Approximately, how long did you work in 11
- 12 general real estate?
- A I don't remember exactly -- exactly. No, I 13
- 14 don't remember.
- 15 Q Okay. Well, let -- lets go -- let's maybe
- 16 come forward and go backward, maybe that will make it
- 17 easier. How are you currently employed?
- 18 A Where I am right now?
- 19 Q Yes.
- 20 Α I'm working with my husband --
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 -- right now.
 - What's the name of the business that you work

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24 at?

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25 A A construction company.

1 the shopping mall? You have to say "yes" or "no".

- 2 A Yes
- 3 Q And how long were you the manager of the
- 4 shopping mall at Bal Harbour Shops?
- 5 A Like six years.
- Q For approximately, from when to when, what 6
- 7 years?
- A I don't remember. But, approximately, six
- 9 years in total.
- Q Okay. And would you have started that when
- 11 you came to the United States in 1998?
- A Yes. I don't remember exactly, but, you
- 13 know, yes.
- 14 Q Okay. And then you said you went from Bal
- 15 Harbour Shops to general real estate. What -- you have
- 16 to say "yes" or "no".
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Okay. What is general real estate?
- 19 A A general like -- you know, general real
- 20 estate.
- 21 Q Does that mean, you were --
- 22 A Doing general real estate, selling houses,
- 23 condominiums, all that stuff.
- 24 Q Okay. Would you agree you were a residential
- 25 real estate agent?

Q Okay. Are you no longer working as a real

- 2 estate agent?
- A I'm just showing, you know, a project like
- 4 two months ago. Two months ago again.
- Q Two months ago, you were working as a real 5
- 6 estate agent?
- 7 A Yes. But, you know, I wasn't really actively
- working.
- 9 Q Okay. Is your license --
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- 11 Is your license active?
- 12 A Always was active, but, you know, I was
- 13 really helping with my husband because I have kids and
- 14 not actively working --
- 15 Q Do you --
- 16 A -- as a real estate.
- 17 Q Is your license active with the real estate
- 18 broker?
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- 20 Who was the broker that your license is Q
- 21 active with?
- 22 A Right now?
- 23 Q Right now.
- 24 Venegas International Group.
- 25 Q Would you spell that, please?



- 1 A Venegas, V-E-N-E-G-A-S.
- 2 Q International Group?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And where's Venegas located?
- 5 A Biscayne Boulevard. 888 Biscayne Boulevard.
- 6 Q How long have you been -- had your license
- 7 with Venegas --
- 8 A Two months
- 9 Q You have to let me finish my questions.
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Even if you think you know the answer, just
- 12 so that the record is clear, we can only talk one at a
- 13 time. How long have you had your license with Venegas?
- 14 A Two months.
- 15 Q Who did you have your license with before
- 16 Venegas?
- 17 A Miami -- I -- I don't even remember exactly
- 18 the name because, you know, I wasn't really active, it
- 19 was a friend of mine and I just, you know, hold a
- 20 license.
- 21 Q Okay. What's the friend's name?
- 22 A Marcella -- Marcella -- I don't remember.
- 23 It's -- what's the last name. It's Miami Best
- 24 Property, that's the name of the company.
- 25 Q Miami Best Properties?

1 International Hotel and Tower in Fort Lauderdale, that

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- 2 was the name of the project.
- 3 Q Did you work on any other Trump projects
- 4 besides --
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q And I'll just call it "the project", besides
- 7 the project?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q When were you last working actively on the
- 10 project?
- 11 A In the Trump International?
- 12 Q Yes, in Trump International. Anytime I say
- 13 "the project", I'm referring to Trump International
- 14 Hotel and Tower, Fort Lauderdale.
- 15 A I don't remember exactly. It was so much
- 16 time. I know it was like at 2004, 2005, something
- 17 around that.
- 18 Q Okay. So, you think from 2004, 2005, until
- 19 now, you have not worked actively as a real estate
- 20 agent; is that correct?
- 21 A Actively like -- not for a develop employee,
- 22 we have like a, you know, some -- I mean, some
- 23 transactions but that not -- like not all the time.
- 24 Most isolated transaction, I guess.
 - Q Okay. Do you know how long you worked for --

THE COURT REPORTER: Is that a "yes"?

- 2 A Properties.
- 3 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Yes? You said "mm-hmm"
- 4 that's why she was asking you.
- 5 A Yes.

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- 6 Q How long was your license active with Miami
- 7 Best Properties?
- 8 A Two years.
- 9 Q So, from --
- 10 A Two years, one year and a half, something
- 11 like that.
- 12 Q So, from approximately 2000- --
- 13 A No, because remember that I wasn't really
- 14 active, so I have the -- I never put my license down or
- 15 inactive, but, you know, I wasn't -- I was really
- 16 helping my husband. And I help and assisting my kinds
- 17 only. No working in real estate. After I finish --
- 18 like since 2007, after I finished Trump project, I
- 19 never, you know, really, was active in real estate
- 20 because, you know, I decide to assist -- help my
- 21 husband.
- 22 Q In your last response, you said since the
- 23 Trump project. Which Trump project are you referring
- 24 to?
- 25 A The one that you called me today, Trump

1 on the Trump International project?

- 2 A How long?
- 3 Q Yes.

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- 4 A I don't know. It was one year or something
- 5 like that, approximately.
- 6 Q Approximately, one year?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q Okay. How did you come to work on the Trump
- 9 project?
- 10 A I was called by Maritza Meza which was the
- 11 director of sales and Galleria Collection of Fine Homes
- 12 which was the broker.
- 13 Q Were you with -- did you have your license
- 14 with the Galleria Collection of Fine Homes --
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q -- before you started working on the Trump
- 17 project?
- 18 A No
- 19 Q Because you were working someplace else?
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q And do you recall where that was?
- 22 A No, I don't recall exactly.
- 23 Q Okay. Were you working as a real estate
- 24 agent at that time?
- 25 A I think I was, you know, having -- probably



1 RE/MAX but I -- I don't remember. I don't remember.

- Q Okay. How do you know Maritza Meza?
- 3 A How do you know? Because it was -- it was --
- 4 how I know? She was the director of sales.
 - Q No, how do you know her though?
- 6 A She was like a sister of a person like we
- 7 know each other. It wasn't really close to me but, you
- 8 know, it was her sister, so I heard that they were
- 9 taking -- you know, interviewing sales people for the
- 10 project and I did the interview and it was plenty of
- 11 people, you know, for the job, and I got selected.
- 12 Q And how did you hear that there were
- 13 interviews being taken for the project?
- 14 A For the Trump? Because, you know, in real
- 15 estate market, you know, for example, there are more
- 16 project. They are taking, you know, people or
- 17 different developers, you know, people knows.
- 18 **Q** Was Maritza Meza the person you interviewed 19 with?
- 20 A It was Maritza and it was Paul McCrae which
- 21 was the broker, because, you know, the license is to be
- 22 under the broker company.
- 23 Q Did you know Maritza or Paul before your
- 24 interview for the project?
- 25 A No.

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- 1 Q Okay. I'm going to ask you the names of some
 - 2 other people and I just -- to find out who you knew and

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- 3 what their role was. Do you know Rosemarie Friedman?
- 4 A Ye
- Q Who's Rosemarie Friedman?
- 6 A She was the other salesperson that was doing
- 7 the sales.
- 8 Q Okay. The other salesperson besides you? You
- 9 have to say "yes" or "no".
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Okay. Was it just the two of you?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Okay. So --
- 14 A And Maritza Meza. She was selling also.
- 15 Q So, there was Rosemarie, Carina, and Maritza
- 16 Meza at sales people.
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And --
- 19 A And we are not in -- usually, the director is
- 20 -- she -- we were showing all the sales like a pool.
- 21 So, it wasn't really -- yeah, we were changing all as a
- 22 team.

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- 23 Q Do you know Sherry Boylan?
- 24 A Sherry Boylan, yes.
 - Q Who's Sherry Boylan?

Q And so, you came to an interview and that's

- 1 A She was working in Galleria Collection of
 - 2 Fine Homes.
 - 3 Q Is -- and that's where you went to work,
 - 4 correct?
 - 5 A Correct.
 - Q Did she also work on the Trump project?
 - 7 A She -- I think she was working in
 - 8 administrative position or something like that.
 - 9 Q She was not a sales person?
 - 10 A No
 - 11 Q Do you know Jim Shambo?
 - 12 A Jim Shambo, he was -- he was another agent in
 - 13 Galleria.
 - 14 Q Was he one of the sales people for this
 - 15 project?
 - 16 A No.
 - 17 Q And who's Paul McCrae?
 - 18 A The broker.
 - 19 Q When's the last time you spoke with Paul
 - 20 McCrae?
 - 21 A Long time ago because he -- he closed the
 - 22 company and I don't know anything.
 - 23 Q Have you had any communication with Paul
 - 24 since he closed the company?
 - 25 A No, no communication.

2 where you met Maritza and Paul? A No. Paul, at the first, Maritza. Remember I 4 told you that it was a person that was related. In the 5 middle, Patricia Meza which was, you know, her sister 6 and other friends and people. So, I know -- I wasn't 7 close friends but I know like a -- you know, when you 8 know somebody from far. Q Did Maritza asked you to come interview for 10 the position at Trump? 11 A Maritza in person, no. I heard and I went 12 and I called in myself and asked if I can get an 13 interview 14 Q Okay. And so, you interviewed with both 15 Maritza and Paul, and then you were offered the job, 16 correct? Yes? 17 A Yes.

Q Okay. Do you recall when that was?

A Exactly the time, no, I don't remember.

21 already begun at the project?

24 Meza was the director of sales?

A Yeah.

Q Okay. Do you know whether presales had

Q Okay. And your understanding was Maritza

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- 1 Q At all?
- 2 A No, he -- I think -- you know, I heard right
- 3 now that he was, you know, in town but I -- I also hear
- 4 that he was in Costa Rica, so I don't know exactly.
- Q Okay. But you've not had any -- any either
- 6 voice conversation or e-mail conversation or any other
- 7 communication with Paul since he closed the company; is
- 8 that correct?
- 9 A Since he closed the company, not that voice
- 10 communication, not a telephone communication, he sent
- 11 an e-mail to the company, Venegas, saying that -- that
- 12 he was working or joining and he was talking very high
- 13 about, our performance.
- 14 Q So, he was looking to become an agent with
- 15 Venegas?
- 16 A No, no, no, no.
- 17 **Q Okay.**
- 18 A He just communicate and have a meeting with
- 19 the broker in Venegas.
- 20 Q Okay. Was he giving a reference for you, a
- 21 recommendation for you.
- 22 A I never request any reference, he was, you
- 23 know -- because, you know, when we are -- remember I
- 24 mentioned that I was working in this project, we were
- 25 sent e-blast. You know, e-blast reach many agents, so

- 1 Q Do you know Marla Zitek?
- 2 A It was a realtor or broker or something like
- 3 that but not related with Galleria, it was an outside
- 4 agent.
- 5 Q Did you work with her on one or more deals on
- 6 this project?
- 7 A It wasn't really me, it was more Rosemarie
- 8 close realtor. But since we were showing, you know,
- 9 the pool, like a sales, so -- I didn't have too much
- 10 communication with that agent.
- 11 Q Do you know Kristin Linger?
- 12 A Kristin --
- 13 Q Linger.
- 14 A No, I don't know.
- 15 Q How about Patricia Salermo?
- 16 A Patricia -- it was another agent in Galleria.
- 17 Q And how about Patricia Pradera?
- 18 A She was working with the person like
- 19 assistant, Maritza Meza's assistant.
- 20 Q As an agent working on this project, did you
- 21 frequently work with outside agents as well?
- 22 A Again?

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- 23 Q Did you work -- frequently work with other
- 24 agents who were not part of Galleria Collection in

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25 relation to sales in the Trump project?

- 1 people sometimes know more.
- 2 Q Who's Kim Lebron (phonetic)?
- 3 A Kim Lebron is another agent of Galleria
- 4 Collection.
- 5 Q Do you know Melanie Schrand?
- 6 A Other agent in Galleria Collection.
- 7 Q Do you keep in communication with any of the
- 8 names that I've asked you so far?
- 9 A No
- 10 Q How about Maritza Meza?
- 11 A I don't.
- 12 Q When was your last communication with Maritza
- 13 Meza?
- 14 A 2005, 2006, I'm not -- when they're finished.
- 15 Q You're not friends with -- with her?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Q Okay. Well, Brian Brooksbank, do you know
- 18 Brian?
- 19 A I don't remember who is -- I don't know who
- 20 he is.
- 21 Q Do you know Melissa Winnick?
- 22 A Melissa Winnick, Melissa Winnick was an --
- 23 in administrative or something like that.
- 24 Q She was with Galleria Collection?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 A I don't understand the question.
- 2 Q Okay. Do you know Andy Weiser?
- 3 A Andy Weiser, he's a realtor, very well-known.
- 4 Q Was he involved with this project as well?
- 5 A I don't know. I don't think so.
- 6 Q Okay. So, you never worked with Andy in
- 7 relation to the Trump project?
- 8 A No
- 9 Q How about Joel Green? Do you know Joel
- 10 Green?
- 11 A I know and he was an agent, like outside
- 12 agent.
- 12 agent.13 Q Did you ever work with Joel Green in relation
- 14 to this project?
- 15 A I don't remember if he has a unit or not, but
- 16 he was calling and, you know, asking information or --
- 17 I don't know if he sold. I don't -- I don't remember.
- 18 Q Okay. Do you know Donald Trump?
- 19 A Yes
- 20 Q Okay. Have you met with Donald Trump?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q How many times.
- 23 A Social events, two times.
- 24 Q Okay. Can you tell me what you recall about
- 25 those events?



- A It was a social event like a project and, you
- 2 know, the -- you know real estate related.
- Q Was it related to this project?
- 4 A One. ves.
- 5 Q Okay. And tell me about that one.
- 6 A That was an event for the project and he was
- 7 there.
- 8 Q Okay. And where is there?
- A I don't remember the place because I'm not 9
- 10 too familiar with Fort Lauderdale.
- 11 Q It was in Fort Lauderdale?
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- 13 Q Okay. And was Roy Stillman there as well?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay. And you've met Roy Stillman before?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q How many times have you met Roy Stillman?
- 18 A Not too many, three.
- 19 Q And was the occasion for each of those social
- 20 events as well?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And you never met with Roy Stillman for
- 23 business relating to this project?
- 24 A The point is that I was closely working with
- 25 Maritza Meza and following instructions. And the rest,

- A Senada Adzem, yes.
 - Senada. Who's Senada?
- A Senada, I don't know exactly the charge that
- 4 she has, but she was coming from New York and assisted

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- 5 the day of event.
 - Q The day of the event.
- A The event. The event. That event that we
- 8 socialize
- 9 Q Are you talking the event with Wyclef Jean?
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- Q Do you know who Wyclef Jean is? 11
- 12 Oh, yes.
- 13 Q Is that the same event?
- 14 A Correct
- 15 Q Okay. And so, did you meet with Senada in
- 16 connection with the event where Wyclef Jean performed?
- 17 A Correct

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- Q Did you speak with her prior to that event or
- 19 only at that event?
- 20 A No, prior. I was, you know, there and she
- 21 was -- she was coming two or three times from New York
- 22 and I don't know exactly the charge, to be honest with
- you, or what it was, her charge.
- 24 Q Do you know who she worked for?
- 25 A Not exactly.

1 you know, they are developers, broker, and director of

- 2 sales. I wasn't the -- that's why -- you know, I
- 3 wasn't really the important person there. So, they
- 4 were having all the meetings with developers and
- 5 between them. I don't know internal -- you know, I was
- 6 just following instructions.
- Q Okay. So -- and your instructions came from 7
- 8 Maritza Meza?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q Okay. But you think you met with Roy
- 11 Stillman three times, approximately.
- 12 A Yes, yes.
- 13 Q And each was at social event.
- A It was social event. And one time, we said 14
- 15 "hello" because he was in Galleria.
- 16 Q How many times did you meet Roy Stillman in
- 17 the Galleria?
- 18 A I don't remember.
- 19 Q Okay. Did you ever see Donald Trump in the
- 20 Galleria?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q How about Armen Boyajian?
- 23 A I don't know who he is.
- 24 Q You don't know this name? Do you know Senada
- 25 Adzem?

- Q Okay. Do you know Michelle Conte?
 - 2 Michelle Conte, yes.
 - Q Okay. What do you know about Michelle Conte?
 - A Michelle Conte, she was coming from New York
 - 5 also and she was having all the meeting more with, you
 - know, Galleria office and she -- I think she was
 - 7 working from New York. But I don't -- you know, I
 - 8 wasn't in a position to request information on who was
 - 9 each of them. So, it wasn't -- you know, it was just,
- 10 you know, in the back office and they were doing all
- 11 the stuff in front. So --
- 12 Q Did you ever speak with Michelle Conte?
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- 14 Q What did you speak about?
- 15 A I think she was in charge of the rental
- program or something around that, something related the
- 17 rental program. So, we can -- we never speak about
- anything regarding any rental program, any Trump,
- nothing. She was the one that was handling those
- 20 questions.
- 21 Q Questions regarding the rental program.
- 22 A Questions, correct. We never thought -- we
- 23 were handling only the real estate side.
- 24 Q Okay. And the rental program was not part of
- 25 the real estate side?



A But we never -- we never were allowed and

- 2 approve and we have not -- we never spoke about the
- 3 rental program.
- 4 Q Were you told not to speak about the rental 5 program?
- 6 A Well, you know, I was -- I have a script
- 7 following direction with Maritza Meza which was a
- 8 director of sale, we have to save. And you know who it
- 9 was, you have to follow instructions.
- 10 Q Okay. So, Maritza gave you a script?
- 11 A A script. How do you -- can I explain? You
- 12 know, you have a -- you have a property and you have --
- 13 how many units, location, developer, and -- and, you
- 14 know, three bedrooms, two bedrooms, square-footage,
- 15 those type of, you know, info- -- that type of
- 16 information.
- 17 Q With the information, all of the topics that
- 18 you just talked about, the square-footage, number of
- 19 units, how did you know what the -- what that
- 20 information was?
- 21 A How do I know?
- 22 Q Yes. How did you know how many units, what
- 23 the square-footage was, and the other things that you
- 24 just talked about?
- 25 A Well, the director of sales, you know, gave

- 1 A Michelle Conte and Jill Cremer.
 - Q Okay. Do you know Ramola Motwani?
 - 3 A Ramola Motwani, yes, she was like the ex-
 - 4 owner or something related with the land -- piece of
 - 5 land.
 - Q Okay. Have you met Ramola?
 - A I saw her. She's not a friend, she'll say
 - 8 "hello", she was one time visiting the Galleria
 - 9 Collection and I -- I -- I saw her.
 - 10 Q Did you have any interaction with her
 - 11 relating to the project?
 - 12 A Like interaction like in --
 - 13 Q Discussions, e-mails --
 - 14 A No, nothing.
 - 15 Q -- telephone calls.
 - A Never, never, never.
 - 17 Q You saw her one time when she came in to the
 - 18 Galleria?

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- 19 A Yes, and I think she was in the event. And -
- 21 Q And the event is the one we talked about --
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q -- where Wyclef Jean was performing?
- 24 A Correct. And just I forget, so much time ago
- 25 that I don't -- I would love to and help you more but,

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- 1 us, you know, all the property description at the
- 2 beginning. It was in the reservation process and I
- $3\,\,$ was, you know, trespassing what she was instructing us
- 4 to say and -- and explain.
- 5 Q So, Maritza Meza was -- whatever information
- 6 you had came from Maritza Meza?
- 7 A Correct.
- 8 Q Okay. You never get receive the information
- 9 on the project from anybody else; is that correct?
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 Q Okay. How about Jill Cremer, is that name
- 12 familiar to you?
- 13 A Jill Cremer, yes.
- 14 Q Who's Jill Cremer?
- 15 A Jill Cremer, I think she was working for the
- 16 Trump -- Trump organization.
- 17 Q And what was her role in this project?
- 18 A She never had like an active role. It was.
- 19 again, Michelle Conte, people from New York which was
- 20 the person that's more knowledgeable about, you know,
- 21 rental program, she was -- she can you know, explain
- 22 the information. We -- we were only talking about the
- 23 square-footage or location of the unit floor plan, all
- $24 \quad \text{the other information, they are the one in charge.} \\$
- 25 Q They being Michelle Conte?

1 you know, I cannot tell you because I don't remember

- 2 really.
- 3 Q I understand.
- 4 A It was too much time ago that, you know -- as
- 5 I mentioned to you over the phone, I was the less
- 6 important person in the office --
- 7 Q Lunderstand.
- 8 A -- at that point.
- 9 Q How about Dev Motwani? Do you know Dev
- 10 Motwani?
- 11 A Son, Ramola Motwani's son.
- 12 Q Yes. Have you met Dev?
- 13 A I know that Natin and Dev were the son and
- 14 they were in the events but not -- no relation at all.
- 15 Q Do you know whether any of the Motwanis, as
- 16 far as you knew, were involved in working on the
- 17 project?
- 18 A Again?
- 19 Q Do you know whether the Motwanis were
- 20 actively involved in any of the marketing, sales, or
- 21 work relating to the project?
- 22 A I don't remember, no. Natin probably were
- 23 more involved than the other. I saw Natin in Galleria
- 24 but no -- but like, you know, when you see somebody
- 25 that is walking, that's it.



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1 Q Okay. How many times did you see Natin at

2 the project?

3 A Two or three times.

4 Q Did you ever speak with Natin about the

5 project?

6 A Speak about the project. You know, I wasn't

7 really -- I wasn't important in the -- he -- I wasn't

8 really important. I think Maritza was the one talking

9 with Natin regarding the project.

10 Q Do you know Roger Stein?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Who's Roger Stein?

13 A I think he was like working together with Roy

14 Stillman.

15 Q Did you have any direct communication with

16 Roger Stein?

17 A Me through e-mail, no.

18 Q Through anything, in person, by telephone, by

19 e-mail.

20 A In person, he come two or three times to

21 Galleria. Again, probably, "Hi, how are you?" And,

22 okay. Let's go Maritza Meza, we didn't -- they have

23 the meeting. So, that was, you know, my communication

24 with Roger Stein.

25 Q And you didn't participate in the meetings

1 Q -- is that correct? Okay. In the second

2 sentence, it says, "This is a new project pre-

3 construction developed by Donald Trump and Roy

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4 Stillman." Do you see that?

A Mm-hmm.

6 Q Okay.

7 THE COURT REPORTER: Is that a yes?

8 A Yes.

9 Q (By Mr. Altschul) You have to say "yes". Did

10 you have an understanding that Donald Trump and Roy

11 Stillman were the developers of this project?

12 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to form.

13 Q (By Mr. Altschul) You can answer the

14 question.

15 A You know -- again.

16 **Q Sure**.

17 A What did you say?

18 Q In your letter, you say that the project is

19 being developed by Donald Trump and Roy Stillman. I'm

20 asking you, did you understand that those two gentlemen

21 were the developers of the project?

22 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Same objection.

Q (By Mr. Altschul) You can answer. He can

24 make objections for the record or -- you know, to try

25 and -- for whatever reason he makes his objections, but

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1 with Maritza Meza; is that correct?

A No, sometimes she call "hi", where is Maritza

3 Meza, we pass the phone, the -- those type of, you

4 know, communication.

5 Q Okay. I want to go through some documents

6 with you that relate to the project and see if any of

7 this either refreshes your memory or otherwise. So,

8 the first I'm going to give to you is marked as Exhibit

9 **681**.

10 (Thereupon, Exhibit 681 was entered into the

11 record.)

12 Q (By Mr. Altschul) And I would ask you to just

13 take a minute and take a look at this document. Have

14 you seen this document before?

15 A Yes. It's signed by me.

16 Q Is that your signature at the -- just above

17 the -- your printed name?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. Did you prepare this document?

20 A I really -- we didn't prepare. It was --

21 Maritza Meza made that for me and Rosemarie and her,

22 like a letter. And we were sending this to the client.

23 Q Okay. So, this was a letter written by

24 Maritza Meza --

25 A Yes.

1 you still have to answer the questions unless your

2 attorney tells you not to answer the questions.

A I knew that Roy Stillman was the developer

4 and -- and I know that Trump International Hotel &

5 Tower Fort Lauderdale was one of the four signature

6 towers.

7 Q Okay. Well, my question -- that's not my

8 question, though. In your -- in this letter, you say,

9 "This is the new project pre-construction developed by

10 Donald Trump and Roy Stillman." Did you understand

11 Donald Trump and Roy Stillman to be the developers of

12 this project?

13 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Same objection.

14 A I -- I -- I don't know what to say. I -- you

15 know, this is a project, you know. They made the --

16 this -- this letter. Donald Trump was, you know -- the

17 name of the project is Donald Trump. So, I -- I -- you

18 know, I'm just, you know, following what, you know, is

19 in the letter.

20 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Do you think that this

21 statement is false --

22 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to form.

23 Q (By Mr. Altschul) -- the statement in your

24 letter that says "developed by Donald Trump and Roy

25 Stillman"?



- A I don't think it's false because, you know,
- 2 the Trump name is on -- on the -- on the name of the 3 project.
- Q Okay. I didn't ask you about the name of the 4
- 5 project, though. In your letter, you're saying, "This
- 6 is a new project pre-construction developed by Donald
- 7 Trump and Roy Stillman." And I'm asking you, as you
- 8 sit here today, do you believe that statement was true
- 9 when you made it?
- 10 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to form.
- 11 A I -- I believe that, you know, Roy Stillman
- 12 was the developer and, you know, the internal
- 13 situations, I don't know.
- 14 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Okay. But you've now said
- 15 several times that you believe Roy Stillman was the
- 16 developer. Did you believe Donald Trump was also one
- 17 of the developers?

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- 18 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to form.
- 19 A I -- I don't know what to say. You know, I
- 20 was called to -- to work in Trump International Hotel &
- 21 Tower Fort Lauderdale. Roy Stillman -- and, you know,
- 22 they give me the letter. We were promoting floor and
- 23 square footage and, you know --
- 24 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Okay. So, my question is,
- 25 at the time that you signed this letter, did you

MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection.

A No. I -- I -- I don't want to put nothing 8 false and I -- I'm really -- I'm very honest person.

9 So, you know -- you know, I was, you know, following

10 and I saw the -- the -- the project and it was carrying

11 their name and I don't -- I don't know the -- the --

Q (By Mr. Altschul) You don't know whether it

Q Okay. So, it's your testimony you don't know

A I don't want to assume. I think, you know,

16 it was -- it was saying Donald Trump and Roy Stillman.

17 And I just, you know, send the -- the paperwork

18 and the reservation. And, you know, the name Trump

19 International Hotel & Tower, I knew that there are only

20 four in the -- in Chicago and New York and I thought

21 that, you know, we were also, you know, Trump

A I don't know if it is developer, not

25 developer. I don't know the internal situation.

22 International Hotel & Tower Fort Lauderdale.

2 one of the developers of the project?

A I -- I don't know.

6 was true or false?

12 the internal situations.

Q Well --

14 whether this is true or not?

- Q Okay. As you sit here today, do you know
 - 2 whether or not Trump was one of the developers of this
 - 3 project?
 - 4 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to form.
 - A I don't know if it is or not. You know, when
 - 6 you make corporations, sometimes there are many people
 - involved. And, you know, I don't know the -- the
 - internal situation.
 - Q (By Mr. Altschul) Now, this was a letter that
 - 10 you sent out to prospective purchasers, correct?
 - 11 A Reservations.
 - 12 Q Okay. When you prepared this, this was a
 - 13 letter you sent to people who showed interest in the
 - project, correct?
 - 15 MR. CHARLIP: She said -- or it's a prepared
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- 17 MR. ALTSCHUL: Okay. Well, she signed it. I
- 18 understood her testimony.
- Q (By Mr. Altschul) Okay. When you prepared 19
- 20 this version with your signature on it, to whom would
- you typically disseminate or send this type of letter
- 22 to?

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- 23 A People that show interest because this is
- 24 temporary brochure, floor plans.
 - Q So, if somebody stops by the Galleria

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- 1 believe that this was false, that Donald Trump was not 1 Collection and showed interest in the project, would
 - 2 you follow up with a letter like --
 - A Correct.
 - Q -- this one marked as Exhibit 681?
 - A Correct. 5
 - Do you know what the temporary brochure
 - 7 that's referenced in the fourth paragraph consisted of?
 - A I think photocopies. Photocopies.
 - 9 Q Of what?
 - A I think the picture of the building. I don't 10
 - 11 remember exactly. It was picture of the building. We -
 - we never really have like a nice -- nice brochures at
 - 13 the beginning because it was reservation. In
 - 14 reservation process, you can -- you can -- it's 100%
 - 15 totally refundable. If you want to proceed at the
 - 16 point of the contract, it's the one that the client has
 - 17 the opportunity to see if he wants to move forward or
 - 18 if he wants to cancel or if he does not agree with
 - 19 anything. Reservation, you know, is 100% -- if you
 - don't like something, you can cancel any time. 20
 - 21 Q So, as far as temporary brochure, you think
 - 22 it was the photograph of the project and floor plans?
 - 23 A I don't remember exactly because it was
 - 24 prepared and we -- we just send. But it was for -- a
 - 25 picture of the future, you know, development.



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- 1 Q Was it electronic or was it paper copy or
- 2 both?
- 3 A I think it was electronic and paper copies.
- 4 Q Okay. So, would you -- for example, with
- 5 Exhibit 681, is that something you would typically mail
- 6 to potential purchasers?
- 7 A I think yes.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A Yes, we may.
- 10 Q Would you have also sent something --
- 11 A I don't -- I don't remember. To be honest, I
- 12 do not --
- 13 Q Okay. That's fine. I understand that this
- 14 was a long time ago. Do you know whether this was
- 15 something that may have also been sent by e-mail to
- 16 potential purchasers?
- 17 A E-mail?
- 18 Q Yes.
- 19 A Yes. We sent via e-mail, via mail. But, you
- 20 know, I don't remember exactly, but, you know,
- 21 definitely, it says "temporary brochure". So, it must
- 22 be at the beginning stage.
- 23 Q Okay. In the last paragraph, you said, "I'd
- 24 love to answer any questions you may have. Please call
- 25 me", and then it has your phone number. If people

- 1 paper or did it fold open?
- 2 A Fold.
- Q Okay. And was there -- how is the rest of
- 4 the card designed that we can't see? I mean, I can see
- 5 what's on this photocopy, but how is the rest of the
- 6 card?
- A It was a twofold and it was blue and it has
- 8 like a brown folder.
- Q Okay. And now, I notice on what we do see,
- 10 it has at the bottom, it looks like, the Trump website.
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A Mm-hmm.
- 13 Q And that was the web- -- yes?
- 14 A Yes
- 15 Q Okay. And that was the website for this
- 16 project, correct?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 Q Was this business card just for this project?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q Okay. Did this business card say anything
- 21 about Galleria Collection?
- 22 A No
- 23 Q It was a Trump business card?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Okay.

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- 1 called for information, where did you get your
- 2 information from to be able to answer those questions?
- A Maritza.
- 4 Q They didn't --
- 5 A Maritza. The director was, you know, saying,
- 6 "Okay. How many units and" -- you know, "How many
- 7 units?" The square footage, it was a studio, one
- $8\,$ bedroom and two bedrooms, that type, location and that
- 9 stuff.
- 10 Q Okay. Let me show you what was previously
- 11 marked in the deposition as Exhibit 139 and ask you to
- 12 take a look at that for a moment, please.
- 13 (Thereupon, a short discussion was had off
- 14 record.)
- 15 (Deposition resumed.)
- 16 Q (By Mr. Altschul) And there are several
- 17 pages. And I believe there are four pages that I'm
- 18 going to go through and we can just take them one at a
- 19 time. Okay.
- 20 A Okay.
- 21 Q Okay. Let's start with the first page. Is
- 22 your -- is that your business card that's photocopied
- 23 onto this page?
- 24 A Correct. Yes.
- 25 Q And was this business card a single piece of

- 1 A What -- it -- it was provided by Galleria
 - 2 Collection, but it was only for the project, right?
 - 3 Q Sure. I understand. What I'm asking you is,
 - 4 in looking at the business card, would anybody know
 - 5 that it was a Galleria Collection business card as
 - 6 opposed to being connected to Trump?
 - 7 A I don't know because, you know, when you work
 - 8 for the developer, always there are -- like a Cervera-
 - 9 related, Fortune. And when you work for a developer,
 - 10 you don't -- you don't put Cervera (phonetic), Fortune-
 - 11 related. You put the name of the project.
 - 12 Q Okay. So, was there anything on the card
 - 13 anywhere that said "Galleria Collection"?
 - 14 A In this card, no.
 - Q Do you have anything that had the logo --
 - 16 A But -- but the --
 - 17 **Q** -- logo for --

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- 18 A But the address is --
- 19 Q Let me finish first. Any logo for Galleria
- 20 Collection on this business card?
- 21 A Here, no, but the address is Galleria
- 22 Collection of Fine Homes, 945 East Las Olas Boulevard.
- 23 Q That's the address for Galleria, correct?
 - A Yes, correct.
- 25 Q And there was no separate address for the



46 48 1 project in Fort Lauderdale, correct? 1 the value doesn't want to move forward at the point of 2 the contract, you need to follow what the contract A Correct, correct. 3 says. If the contract --3 Q There was no sales office at the project Q Okay. 4 site, correct? A Correct. It's Galleria Collection. A He's not agree with anything in the contract, Q And the Galleria Collection was the primary 6 he can cancel and -- you know, basically, and -- you 7 know, so, that is -- you know, you must know real 7 sales center for the project, correct? A This is 945 East Las -- Galleria Collection. 8 estate, how it is and its reservation. A -- a lot of 8 9 details can change on the project when it's in the 9 Q Okay. So, again, in this, you're referring -10 reservation process. 10 - well, no. Strike that. Is this handwritten or is 11 Q Okay. I think my question was, that's your 11 this printed from computer? 12 A No. Me -- my letters. 12 handwriting --13 A Oh, yes. 13 Q This is your handwriting? Okay. And it's 14 Q -- that says, "It's going to be finished 14 all your handwriting on this page? 15 early 2007", correct? THE COURT REPORTER: Is that a yes? 15 16 A Correct. 16 Q (By Mr. Altschul) You have to say "yes". 17 Q Okay. Did you believe that to be true at the 17 A Yes. 18 time, at the time of reservations? 18 Q Okay. Now, again, you refer to the -- you're 19 19 sending someone a temporary brochure and a copy of 20 Q Okay. Who gave you that information? 20 everything by FedEx. Is that referring to, what you 21 A Again, my director of sales. 21 described a few minutes ago, the picture and the 22 Q Maritza Meza? 22 information about the project? 23 A Correct. 23 A Correct. 24 Q Okay. Let's look at the next page. If you 24 Q Now, also, if you -- do you see where you 25 would turn to the second page of this exhibit. Again, 25 have a star on the left side and it says, "It's going 47 49 1 to be finished early 2007"? 1 is this all your handwriting? A Yeah, but I didn't put that. I don't know 2 A Correct 3 why is that. Q And I'm going to -- well, I'm just going to Q That's not your handwriting? 4 point to it on mine so you can see it. Where it says, A Right. It's my writing, but this -- it --5 "Send me the reservation agreement by fax signed", do 6 the -- the -- the star --6 you see that? 7 Q The star is not yours? 7 A Yeah. A No. Q Did you send reservation agreements to people 9 Q Okay. 9 to sign? 10 A That's not mine and the -- the line -- and 10 A Reservations agreements? 11 the underline is not mine. 11 Q Yes.

- Q Underneath it? Okay. The sentence that 12
- 13 says, "It's going to be finished early 2007", is that
- 14 yours?
- 15 A We were instructed to say that, delivery
- 16 date.
- 17 Q The delivery date?
- 18 A Correct
- 19 Q As early 2007?
- 20 A Yeah. But this is -- remember, this is
- 21 reservations.
- 22 Q I understand.
- 23 A In reservations, you -- the floor plan can
- 24 change, the developer can change, the design can
- 25 change. You can change everything. If the -- the --

- 12 Yes. Α
- 13 And were you familiar with the reservation
- 14
- 15 A I don't remember at this point, but it was
- two pages. I remember it was short. It's a
- reservation agreement like a -- you know, any 17
- 18 reservation agreement projects.
- 19 And where did you receive the blank
- 20 reservation agreements from?
- A Where? 21
- 22 Q Yes

- 23 A In Galleria.
 - Q Okay. Was that from Maritza as well?
- 25 A Correct.



50 52 Q If you would turn to the third page. Is this 1 from? 2 your handwriting on this page as well? A I don't remember at this point. But, you 3 A Correct. 3 know, I like it. Q And then if you would turn to the last page. Q Let me show you what was previously marked as 5 And is -- where it says "Dear Eric" at the top and --5 Exhibit 197. A This -- this is finished? Let me ask you first. Is this Jill Cremer's Q Yeah, this is finished for the moment. Let 7 8 business card photocopied on here? 8 me give you a copy of Exhibit 197 which is a reservation agreement with somebody named Joseph 10 Q And where did you get Jill Cremer's business 10 (phonetic). What I'd like you to do first is review 11 card? 11 this and see if this appears to be the form reservation 12 A Maritza Meza gave us this paper and we were, 12 agreement that was used for this project. 13 you know -- you -- and, you know, sending to the 13 A Yes. Yes, this was the reservation 14 clients 14 agreement. 15 Q So, she gave you the paper with the photocopy Q And so, you're familiar with this agreement, 15 16 of Jill Cremer's card already on it? 16 correct? 17 A Yeah, because people needs to call her to 17 A Mm-hmm 18 have the information that they -- they need. 18 Q Did you fill --19 Q What was -- I see that it has Trump 19 THE COURT REPORTER: Is that a yes? 20 International Hotel & Tower Fort Lauderdale letterhead 20 21 on the top. 21 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Yes? 22 A Correct. 22 A Yes. 23 Q Was -- did you have some sort of original 23 Q Did you fill some of these agreements out 24 type of letterhead or was it all photocopies? 24 yourself? A No. It was the -- like a -- how do you say 25 A If I sign? 53 51 1 it? Q No, no. No, not did you sign. Did you 2 Q Like parchment? Was it like a heavy paper? 2 actually fill out the --A It was like a -- when you have a paper in A Oh, yes. 4 your office like at your company --Q -- any of the agreements? Is your --Q Okay. A This is -- this is not my handwriting, but, A -- Joseph, and you send to the clients or --6 6 you know -- probably yes, I'm sure. The -- if I was 7 leather, like a --7 working, probably I fill out some -- not my -- this is 8 Q It was letterhead? not my handwriting. 9 A Correct Q Okay. Now, at the very first par- -- the 10 Q Okay. Now, at the bottom of this page, you -10 very first line of this reservation agreement, do you 11 - is that your handwriting with the quote, "This is" --11 see it says, "SB Hotel Associates, LLC"? Who did you 12 A Correct. 12 understand SB Hotel Associates, LLC to be? 13 Q -- "a dream of many but a reality for just a 13 A The corporation that is, you know, promoting 14 few"? Yes? 14 the -- the project. 15 A It's not like -- what? 15 Q Okay. Now, did you -- do you know whether 16 Q Okay. 16 Trump was part of SB Hotel Associates? 17 A I don't know who --17 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to form. 18 Q It -- okay. First --18 A No, I don't know. 19 A -- who was the one that say --Q (By Mr. Altschul) Okay. Do you recall 19 20 20 telling people, when they asked you who was SB Hotel Q Okay. First, is that your handwriting? 21 21 Associates, that it was Donald Trump's company to build 22 Q Okay. Where did that guote come from? 22 this project? 23 A I don't remember. It -- it was nice. I like 23 A No. I don't remember to say something like

24 that, no.

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Q Okay. Do you have any idea where you took it

24 it. So, I took it probably.

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Q You didn't say it or you don't remember?

- 1 A I didn't say that the -- the -- the -- I
- 2 didn't release the information on who was part of the
- 3 association or the corporate or -- because, you know,
- 4 sometimes developer, they make corporations and, you
- 5 know, it was just sales, you know, people.
- Q Let me ask you. Did any buyers ask you who
- 7 is SB Hotel Associates?
- 8 A I don't remember at this point, but -- I
- 9 don't remember at this point.
- 10 Q So, you don't remember having conversations
- 11 with any purchasers as to who was SB Hotel Associates;
- 12 is that your testimony?
- 13 A "S", I mean probably it's Stillman. But, you
- 14 know --
- 15 **Q Do you --**
- 16 A -- the other staff, no, I don't know.
- 17 Q Do you know if "S" is Stillman or not?
- 18 A Roy Stillman.
- 19 Q Do you know if the "S" in SB Hotel Associates
- 20 is Stillman?
- 21 A I -- I assume, but I don't know. Stillman --
- 22 SB -- Stillman needs to be -- I think that "S" is for -
- 23 for Stillman.
- 24 Q Okay. You assume that now or you assumed it
- 25 at the time in 2005?

1 SB Hotel Associates because the papers I received said

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- 2 Donald Trump and they've testified that your response
- 3 was that was Donald Trump's entity to build this
- 4 project. And so, I'm asking you if you have any memory
- 5 of that.
- 6 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to form.
 - A I don't have -- I don't remember really.
- 8 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Okay. Let me show you
- what's -- I'm marking as Exhibit 682 and ask you to
- 10 take a look at this document, please.
- 11 (Thereupon, Exhibit 682 was entered into the
- 12 record.)
- 13 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Okay. First question for
- 14 you is, is this your handwriting on this document?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q Okay. And is this your other business card
- 17 on the top of this page?
- 18 A It's The Galleria Collection of Fine Homes
- 19 business card because usually you have one and Trump
- 20 and probably you even have the -- the project card and
- 21 that's why this -- this business card is there
- 22 probably.

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- 23 Q Okay. You don't remember for sure or you do?
- 24 A I don't know why I put that -- that business
- 25 card, but probably that is the case.

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- A I don't remember exactly.
- 2 Q Okay. So, now --
- 3 A And -- and, you know, we were, you know,
- 4 doing the sales, but all the questions or explanation
- 5 to buyers or clients or -- like a -- the director is
- 6 the one that was handling. We were -- basically,
- 7 people were calling to request information over the
- $8\,\,$ phone. We were, you know, taking the phone calls and
- 9 sending the reservation or floor plans via e-mail. But
- 10 if they want like a -- like a -- more information
- 11 there, she was all -- the -- every day there. So, she
- 12 was the one handling like, you know, the more important
- 13 or if the buyer have some more questions.
- 14 Q Okay. Because I saw a lot of e-mails like
- 15 the ones we've seen. Where -- the --
- 16 A The -- the -- that -- that's the same e-mail,
- 17 right?
- 18 Q You have to let me finish, though.
- 19 A Yeah.
- 20 Q No, no. I saw a lot of correspondence from
- 21 you saying, "If you have any questions, call me", not
- 22 call Maritza Meza. So, that's why I'm asking you these
- questions. And so, I'm asking you, you know, what you
 understood and what people asked you. And many people
- 25 have testified in this case that they asked you who was

- 1 Q Okay. And so, again, you said this is your
 - 2 handwriting on this, correct?
 - THE COURT REPORTER: Is that a yes?
 - 4 A Again?
 - 5 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes?
 - 6 A It's yes.
 - Q (By Mr. Altschul) Let me show you what I'm
 - 8 marking as Exhibit 683 and ask you to take a look at
 - 9 this document, please.
 - 10 (Thereupon, Exhibit 683 was entered into the
 - 11 record.)
 - 12 A This is not my handwriting.
 - 13 Q (By Mr. Altschul) That's not your handwriting
 - 14 on this document?
 - 15 A No.
 - 16 Q None of it? The smiley face at the bottom is
 - 17 not yours either?
 - 18 A No
 - 19 Q Okay. Do you know whose handwriting this is?
 - 20 A No, I don't know.
 - 21 Q Have you seen this document before?
 - 22 A This was the bullet that the -- the director
 - 23 of sales prepared to send to the clients. You know,
 - 24 they're training for studies, to handling residences
 - 25 like a -- you know, the bullet for that, the project.



58 60 Q And this is what Maritza Meza put -- gave to Q Okay. 1 1 2 2 you? A It was all reserved at -- you know, after, 3 A Correct. people were, you know, cancelling and --Q Did you sign a reservation agreement? 4 Q Without the handwriting on the bottom? 5 A For myself? 5 A Without. 6 Q Yes. 6 Q Okav. 7 THE COURT REPORTER: You said "bullet" or A I don't remember. I was interested because I 8 -- you know, I like the project. I was interested, but "bulletin"? 9 I don't remember at this point. I -- I remember that I 9 A Well, how do you call these? 10 10 wanted one time, one of the unit, but I think I -- that MR. ALTSCHUL: Yeah. Bullet, yeah. THE COURT REPORTER: Bullets. Okay. 11 11 I didn't move forward finally. 12 MR. ALTSCHUL: Okay. 12 Q Okay. You think you didn't move forward? 13 (Thereupon, Exhibit 684 was entered into the 13 A No. 14 Q You mean you didn't sign the purchase record.) 14 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Let me show you what's 15 15 contract? 16 marked as 684 and ask you to take a look at that, 16 A No. I didn't sign finally the reservation 17 please. Is this your handwriting in Exhibit 684? 17 agreement. A Correct. But all -- all of them -- this Q You didn't even sign the reservation 18 18 19 handwriting, I think all of them are related with the 19 agreement? 20 reservation process; I am correct? 20 A No, no, no. 21 Q At all what? 21 Q Okay. 22 A The reservation -- reservation process? 22 A But, you know, I was interested in one unit 23 Q Well, let me ask you. See in the upper right 23 that I love it and I love it and the developer, I 24 corner where it says, "Please return two originals"? 24 think, they give me -- didn't give me the price that 25 A Uh-huh. 25 they wanted. I want to purchase one because it was 61 59 Q What were you looking for two originals of? 1 very hot at that point. And, you know, in some of the 2 Did you request two originals on the reservation? 2 names that I -- you are showing me here, you know, 3 people were anxious to buy. I didn't even have to A I don't remember. Q Okay. I mean, didn't people just fax you the 4 convince them. They were buying over the phone. 5 (Thereupon, Exhibit 685 was entered into the 5 reservation agreements and then -- and send the check 6 record.) 6 and that was sufficient? 7 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Let me show you what's A I don't remember how it was. It was through 8 marked as Exhibit 685 and ask you to take a look at 8 fax or via mail. Probably mail and FedEx, a check, the 9 that document, please. Okay. Is this your handwriting 9 original or something like that. Q Okay. Well, let me ask -- let's look at the 10 on 685? 11 A Yes 11 second paragraph where you say, "Please, as soon as you 12 Q And again, we see the statement, "It's going 12 receive the package, give me a call. I can go over any 13 to be finished early 2007." You believe that to be 13 questions." Do you know what the package is? 14 true at the time you wrote this, yes? Correct? 14 A Remember that I mentioned to you the 15 photocopies of the -- the -- the rendering of the 15 A Yeah. We were like, I think, 2004, 2005. 16 2005, I think so. Yes. 16 project outside? We didn't have any renderings, lobby 17 renderings, nothing. 17 Q The earliest I've seen --18 A Yes 18 Q Okay. 19 A And, you know, people were very anxious to 19 Q -- is -- the earliest reservation agreements 20 buy at that point. So --20 I've seen were February 2005. 21 Q Now, what --21 A Okay. 22 22 A -- people were fighting for the units. (Thereupon, Exhibit 686 was entered into the 23 23 record) Q Okay. Now, did all the units sell out in 24 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Let me show you what's 24 reservation? 25 25 marked as Exhibit 686 and ask you to take a look at A Reservation, yes -- yes.



- 1 that document, please. This is your handwriting,
- 2 again, 686? Yes?
- 3 A Yes, this is my handwriting. I was -- you
- 4 know, I was doing all this paper, I was very
- 5 workaholic. Remember that we were a team all together
- 6 so it was --
- Q Now, I understand you're a team, I'm trying
- 8 to just ask you questions on the stuff that you were
- 9 involved in.
- 10 A Yeah. But some of the name I don't even know
- 11 the client or the -- the -- so, even if I write the --
- 12 the notes, I don't even know the name of -- because
- 13 remember that, you know, we were doing it all together.
- 14 That's why, you know.
- 15 (Thereupon, Exhibit 687 was entered into the
- 16 record.)
- 17 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Okay. Let me show you
- 18 what's been marked as Exhibit 687. Have you seen this
- 19 before?
- A This? 20
- 21 Q Yes.
- 22 A Yes
- 23 Q Is this your handwriting as well?
- 24 A Correct.
- 25 Q Now, this -- the original of this, did you

- 1 Jill Cremer business card with the -- with the phrase
- "dream of many and reality".
 - Q Let me see. You could be right. I thought -

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- A I think it's the same.
- Q -- it was different, but let me look. 6
- 7 A The one that has Jill Cremer business card.
- 8 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Exhibit 139, the last page
- q to --
- Q (By Mr. Altschul) This is the one you're 10
- 11 referring to, correct? The last page of --
- 12 A It's this one, right?
- 13 Q -- Exhibit 139, that appears to be the same,
- 14 yes?
- 15 A Correct. Yeah, the same.
- 16 Q Okay. So, then, your answers are all the
- 17 same, right?
- 18 A Yeah.
- 19 Q If I ask you all the same questions, you
- 20 would give me the same answers, right?
- 21 A Correct. I'm just -- believe me, it's not
- 22 that I want to interfere with you, I know that you --
- 23 you know, I don't -- I don't want to be in the middle
- 24 of this --
- 25 Q That's okay.

- 1 have -- I know we saw a different paper before that was
- 2 like a letterhead, was this a different type of
- 3 document. It looks like it's smaller than a letter --
- 4 letterhead.
- A I think this was a note. A note. Probably
- 6 this -- it was a piece of like, you know, those block
- 7 like a -- and stick -- stick --
- 8 Q Like Post-Its?
- A Post-Its. Correct, Post-Its. 9
- 10 Q Okay. Were there Post-Its with the --
- 11 A With the --
- 12 Q -- with the Trump logo on it?
- 13 A No. What -- these Post-Its. But, you know,
- 14 this probably was with the -- those photocopies,
- 15 remember, that I mentioned --
- 16 Q Sure.
- 17 A -- that with the -- the rendering of the
- 18 front of the building.
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 (Thereupon, Exhibit 688 was entered into the 21 record.)
- Q (By Mr. Altschul) I'm going to show you
- 23 what's marked as 688 and ask you to take a look at
- 24 that, please.
- 25 A This is not the same that we saw before, the

- A -- you know.
 - Q That's okay. You're here now and we're, you
 - 3 know, recording whatever it is that you remember. So,
 - 4 let me show you what was previously marked as Exhibit
 - 5 262 in this case and ask you take a look at that.
 - 6 A Okav.
 - 7 Q Have you seen this document before?
 - A But it's not that -- it's an e-mail that, you
 - 9 know, were approved --
 - Q Just -- when I say document, I'm referring to 10
 - 11 this e-mail.
 - 12 A Oh, okay.
 - 13 Q This one page, 262.
 - 14 Α Yes.
 - 15 Q Is that your e-mail?
 - 16 A Yes. And, you know, we were sending exactly
 - 17 the same e-mail to everybody that was interested. I
 - 18 think you know that the attachment probably is the
 - picture of the building if I'm not correct.
 - 20 Q Okay. I'm going to go through several
 - 21 different documents and see if any of them appear to
 - 22 you to be what was that document that you just referred
 - 23 to. But this you believe you would have sent to
 - 24 everybody who was interested on the project, correct?
 - 25 A Yes. Also, you'll see the forward sign



66 68 1 there. Q -- the temporary brochure? 2 Q Where are you referring to? Yes 3 These. And that's what you sent to people who were 4 Q I'm sorry? Point again. 4 interested in the project? 5 A I don't remember it was exactly this but, 6 Q Those little arrows? What do those little 6 yeah. Probably, yes. I don't remember. I think it 7 arrows mean? was worse or was ugliest than this one. Q It was what, uglier? 8 A Already forward. 9 9 Q Forward. Okay. So, you forwarded this from A Ugliest -- uglier than this one. 10 a prior e-mail, is that what you mean? You would send 10 Q In what way was it uglier than this one? 11 this e-mail to somebody else and then you --11 A I don't know. But it wasn't at all prepared 12 A Well, you know, they text it -- it was the 12 like this. They was, you know, uglier than this one. This is too much. Right. I think it was like a -- a 13 same because, you know, people were, you know, calling 14 for the -- for the -- in the lines, regular lines. They fewer pages. Yes. Probably, yes. If you have it 15 were calling to request information. 15 probably because here -- I don't keep anything, you 16 know, from that time. 16 (Thereupon, Exhibit 689 was entered into the 17 17 Q Sure. Okay. And with those two pages record.) 18 attached is the way I have seen them. I haven't seen 18 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Let me show you what's been 19 marked as Exhibit 689 and ask you to take a look at it. 19 them with the removal of the two pages but --20 I'm actually going to show you a colored copy even 20 A It was --21 though I'm not going to mark the colored copy. Here is 21 Q But that doesn't mean the fact that I have 22 the colored copy. 22 seen it that way doesn't mean --23 A So, this is a --23 A Yes. 24 24 Q -- that those pages were part of the Q And my question for you is: Do you believe 25 original. 25 this is the temporary brochure that you referred to? 67 69 A Correct. No. The -- the remarkable A Yeah. Part of this. I'm sure this is the 2 location, this I don't know if it was a temp- -- I 2 picture because this is the what -- the picture that we 3 were using. The rest I'm not really sure. 3 don't remember these two pages. Q Which pages don't you remember? Q And this is the cover page that you're A This about the "Can the purchase of a hotel 5 referring to --6 condominium be financed" and all that stuff. I don't -A Correct 7 - I don't think that that is the top of it, the Q -- correct? 8 temporary brochure. A Correct. Q Okay. Let me make sure I understand. You Q If you can pass the colored copy back, 10 pulled out the page that across the top -- the first 10 please. That whole set, if you could pass that back to 11 one says "remarkable location" at the top; is that 11 me. And this is the black-and-white copy which we'll 12 correct? 12 leave with the exhibits. 13 A Yes. 13 Let me show you a document that I'm marking Q And then the second -- and then the next page 14 14 as Exhibit 690 and ask you to take a look at this 15 you pulled out is the following page which starts with 15 document, please. 16 "Can the purchase of a hotel condominium be financed" 16 (Thereupon, Exhibit 690 was entered into the 17 with the question mark. Yes? 17 record.) 18 A Yes. 18 A Yeah. As you see, so beautiful the letter 19 Q Okay. Those two pages you think were not 19 that I didn't prepare this. 20 (By Mr. Altschul) You didn't prepare this? 20 part of the temporary brochure, correct? 21 A I don't remember but I don't -- I don't think 21 A No. No. 22 so to see these two pages. 22 Q Okay. Who --23 Q Okay. So, removing those two pages, you 23 A That it was prepared for some -- probably 24 believe the rest of this document was --24 Maritza. 25 A The temporary. 25 Q Okay. Let me ask you this: Is this your



- 1 signature on this letter?
- 2 A That's correct.
- 3 Q And your name underneath the signature,
- 4 correct? Yes?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Okay. But you're saying you didn't sign this
- 7 letter.
- 8 A No. No.
- 9 Q I mean you didn't prepare it.
- 10 A It's signed by me but I didn't prepare this -
- 11 this letter.
- 12 **Q Okay.**
- 13 A The English word in this is definitely
- 14 perfect.
- 15 Q Okay. Did you -- did somebody translate this
- 16 for you or did somebody else write it completely?
- 17 A No. That somebody gave me the letter.
- 18 Exactly who it is, I was just putting, you know, my --
- 19 my name.
- 20 Q Okay. If you would look to the sentence
- 21 that's just before the last sentence, it says "This is
- 22 a dream of many but a reality for just a few." That's
- 23 the same quote --
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q -- that you would use previously, correct?

- 1 Q And I've seen just this together in people's
- 2 files. And so I'm asking if -- do you remember this
- 3 being a document that was handed out to potential
- 4 purchasers, this article?
- 5 A I don't know if it was but it was a -- I
- 6 think it was a magazine that, you know, they put
- 7 together and send, you know, as an update for the --
- 8 for the clients, because the reservation process stayed
- 9 very long so --
- 10 Q Do you know when this magazine was from and
- 11 any recollection of that at all?
- 12 A No. No, I don't remember.
- 13 Q So, you don't know -- you do not recall this
- 14 being an article that was given to potential buyers in
- 15 the project?
- 16 A I think we sent probably via mail or -- or
- 17 was through the office. But I don't I remember exactly
- 18 but I remember to see this -- this picture and -- and
- 19 the project but, you know, I don't remember exactly
- 20 where we -- when we sent this or we give to the buyer.
- 21 I think probably was there like a promotional or --
- 22 Q You think those probably in the sale center?
- 23 A Probably, yes. Probably, yes.
- 24 Q Okay. You're not sure either way?
 - A I am not sure. Because, you know, sometimes

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- A I don't remember what I do there. I don't
- 2 know if it was a broker or Maritza or -- or I copied
- 3 $\,$ from some places or -- I -- I don't at this point where
- 4 I took that phrase.
- 5 Q And on the bottom we see a -- what looks like
- 6 a business card. Is that the front of the business
- 7 card that you described?
- 8 A Correct. Correct. Yes.
- 9 Q So when you handed out a card for this
- 10 project, on the cover, it had what we see on this
- 11 Exhibit 690?
- 12 A The -- correct. That's the cover.
- 13 Q And then inside, it had what we saw on the
- 14 other page which is --
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q -- was your name? Okay.
- 17 Let me show you what we're marking as Exhibit
- 18 691 and ask if you've seen this document before.
- 19 (Thereupon, Exhibit 691 was entered into the
- 20 record.)
- 21 A Yes, I remember this. I think it was a --
- 22 like a promotional material or -- it wasn't
- 23 promotional, I think it's a magazine, right?
- 24 Q (By Mr. Altschul) This comes from a magazine.
- 25 A Yeah.

- 1 developer, they make copy of where they are so --
 - Q Let me show you what I'm marking as Exhibit
 - 3 692 and ask you to take a look at this document,
 - 4 please.

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- 5 (Thereupon, Exhibit 692 was entered into the
- 6 record.)
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Okay. Have you seen this
- 9 document before?
- 10 A Yes. I don't remember but definitely, yes, I
- 11 am sure that it must be from the office, Galleria
- 12 Collection. It says Galleria Collection.
- 13 Q Okay. You're referring to the fax line
- 14 across the top, that's where you put --
- 15 A The fax sheet. Fax sheet.
- 16 Q No, no. The facsimile line is what you were
- 17 pointing to when you said Galleria Collection?
- 18 A No, because it says Galleria Collection
- 19 there.
- 20 Q Right. You understand that that's from a fax
- 21 machine, right?
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q Okay. Do you recall seeing this document
- 24 before?
- 25 A Yes.



2 information on the first page where it says

Q Okay. Look on the fourth section of

- 3 principal/owners. Do you see that?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Do you see it says Donald Trump, Roy Stillman
- 6 and Bayrock Group?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Did you understand those three to be the
- 9 owners of the project?
- 10 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to the form.
- 11 A Where it says -- it says they're principal
- 12 owner but the developer Roy Stillman.
- 13 Q Yeah. We will get to that in just a minute.
- 14 Right now I'm asking you about the owners. Did you
- 15 believe that was true? And I asked you about the
- 16 owners.
- 17 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Same objection.
- 18 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Did you believe that Donald
- 19 Trump, Roy Stillman and Bayrock Group were the
- 20 principal owners of the project?
- 21 A That's what it say so --
- 22 Q Okay. Did you believe it to be true?
- 23 MR. RUSSOMANNO: Objection to the form.
- 24 A Trump was the -- the Trump International
- 25 Hotel & Tower carried the name so I --

- 1 A Yes. But I didn't realize when -- when we
 - 2 were instructed to send this letters.
 - 3 Q Okay. Do you know who didn't realize --

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- 4 first of all, do you know if either one is correct?
- A I wasn't -- I didn't prepare this so --
- 6 Q Okay. You didn't -- you have no --
- 7 A Never.
- 8 Q -- no input into the preparation of this,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A No. At all.
- 11 Q So -- okay. Strike that. I want to show you
- 12 some of the sales brochures and materials which I'm not
- 13 going to mark as exhibits in this case just. because of
- 14 the size and I don't have quality photocopies of them,
- 15 but I want to know if you have seen these documents
- 16 before. The first one I'm going to describe as -- has
- 17 16 pages consisting of articles about the project that
- 18 seemed to be -- to have been put together as some form
- 19 of sales material. If you would take a moment and look
- 20 through that.
- 21 Have you seen this document before?
- 22 A Yes
- 23 Q (By Mr. Altschul) Okay. Tell me what you
- 24 understand that to be. I know I tried to describe it
- 25 but let me ask it as through a different word. How was

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- Q (By Mr. Altschul) That's not my question. My
- 2 question is: Did you believe the three gentlemen --
- 3 the three entities' named, Donald Trump, Roy Stillman
- 4 and Bayrock Group, were the principal/owners of this
- 5 project?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. The next section, developers, now it
- 8 says Roy Stillman and Bayrock Group, LLC. Do you see
- 9 that? Okay. And -- the -- what? Yes? Yes?
- 10 A Yes. Yes.
- 11 Q Okay. The document that we saw before that
- 12 was marked as Exhibit 681, which you signed, said
- 13 Donald Trump and Roy Stillman were developing the
- 14 project. Do you see that this is a little bit
- 15 different than that? If you look at -- you know what,
- 16 look at 681 --
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q -- and let's just look at them side by side.
- 19 And on 681, I'm referring to the second sentence, which
- 20 is a new project --
- 21 A Developed by Donald Trump and Roy Stillman.
- 22 Q And then on the second one that I gave you,
- 23 6 --
- 24 A It says Roy Stillman and Bayrock Group.
- 25 Q Yes. Do you see the difference?

1 that document used?

- 2 A I think it was in Galleria Collection on the
- 3 -- on the -- like a table so the people will come --
- 4 any client come and pick up some, you know, of this
- 5 material.
- 6 Q Okay. Was this something that you gave to
- 7 potential purchasers?
- A Probably, yes, because it was there in
- 9 Galleria Collection. Yes, they prepared this.
- 10 Q The Galleria Collection prepared this?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q Okay. This wasn't prepared in New York as
- 13 far as you know?
- 14 A I don't know where it was prepared, but, you
- 15 know, I know that it was there.
- 16 Q Okay. You know it was in the Galleria
- 17 Collection?
- 18 A Yes. But I don't know if that was prepared
- 19 by in New York or Galleria. I don't know who --
- 20 Q You don't know?
- 21 A -- which one.
- 22 Q Okay. Let me also show you a document that
- 23 I'll describe as a brochure with a spiral binding on
- 24 the left-hand side and ask if you had seen document
- 25 before.



- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Okay. Would you please explain what this
- 3 document is.
- 4 A This is like a brochure. A brochure.
- 5 Q Was this brochure prepared by the Galleria or
- 6 in New York if you know?
- 7 A I don't know. I don't know where it was
- 8 prepared but --
- 9 Q Was this a brochure that was given out to
- 10 potential purchasers?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q Was this another brochure that was available
- 13 in the sales office for people to --
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q -- to have?
- 16 Let me show you another document that I'll
- 17 describe as a brochure with a bifold -- two sides and
- 18 ask you to look at the materials in here. And this one
- 19 in particular has Rosemarie Friedman's business card
- 20 attached.
- 21 A And this is the brochure, correct.
- 22 Q Okay. But you're --
- 23 A This is -- I think it's the -- no. That one
- 24 is the final brochure.
- 25 Q Which one is the final brochure?

- 1 Q If you can pass that back, please. And let
 - 2 me show you a foldout that is blue in color so it's one

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- 3 of a kind and is dated fall 2005 on the bottom left-
- 4 hand corner, ask you to take a look at that document.
- 5 A Yes. They -- this was prepared by -- I don't
- 6 know who but, you know, somebody in the -- in the
- 7 office and we -- we were having this also, you know, in
- 8 the Galleria
- 9 Q You had these in the office?
- 10 A Yes.

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- 11 Q And do you know if these were also mailed to
- 12 people who would sign reservation agreements?
- 13 A Yes. Yes, I thinks so.
- 14 Q Okay. And let me just show you the back
- 15 where it has the postage information. Do you see that?
 - A Paul Genasci (phonetic), yes.
- 17 Q Okay. So, this was mailed to people who
- 18 would sign reservation agreements, correct?
- 19 A Correct. Because, you know, reservation stay
- 20 forever and ever and ever and ever.
- 21 Q So, did -- in the Galleria, did they believe
- 22 it wasn't -- strike that. The reservations that I've
- 23 seen were signed primarily between February and June of
- 24 2005. The purchase contracts were signed in December
- 25 2005 and January 2006. So, you have a fair --

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- 1 A The big one.
- 2 Q The brown book?
- 3 A Yeah
- 4 Q Okay. We're going to come to that in a few
- 5 minutes.
- 6 A But this one I don't know what come in the
- 7 middle so we were having all there in the Galleria so
- 8 people were coming and picking up the -- the brochure
- 9 that they are interested. It was many projects in
- 10 Galleria, not only this one, so --
- 11 Q And were these brochures also sent to people
- 12 who had already signed reservation agreements?
- 13 A Yes. Probably, yes. Definitely.
- 14 Q And do you see the letter in the left-hand
- 15 side?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q You've seen that letter before, correct?
- 18 A Yes
- 19 Q And as you see this brochure put together
- 20 with the letter in the left-hand side, is that how it
- 21 was given out to people or --
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q -- or mailed to people who would sign
- 24 reservation agreements?
- 25 A Correct.

- 1 A One year.
 - 2 Q -- a fairly significant gap in there. It
 - 3 could be one year. If you take the earliest one in
 - 4 February of '05 and the later contract in February '06,
 - 5 you have almost a year. During that time, did the
 - 6 sales staff believe it was important to continue to
 - 7 send information to purchasers to keep them interested
 - 8 in the project?
 - 9 A Yes. But, you know, since the market were
 - 10 too hot, you know, basically, we didn't have to
 - 11 reinforce a lot because people were buying over the
 - 12 phone like a -- you know, I've never seen something
 - 13 like that in the past.
 - 14 Q Okay. Do you know why --
 - 15 A Not with --
 - 16 Q Do you know why they bothered to spend all
 - 17 the money to prepare these and send them out if they
 - 18 didn't need them?
 - 19 A Yes. Definitely. Definite -- no, no, no,
 - 20 no. But, you know, developers need to prepare those
 - 21 brochures because it's like, you know, material for
 - 22 them --

- 23 Q It's what?
 - A -- to promote their project.
- 25 Q I'm sorry?



82 84 A Material. 1 reservation period? 1 2 Q Okay. A Yes. Q Okay. And do you think that was sent by 3 Α Like a promotional or -- marketing material, 4 right? 4 itself or do you think it was sent together with 5 Q Okay. Was there ever any discussion about it something else? 6 being important to continue to communicate with people A This one? 7 who would sign reservation agreements by sending them Yes. 8 whether it's articles or brochures? 8 A I don't remember I don't remember the A It is I wasn't really involved in any timing. Exactly the timing, no, I don't remember. 10 discussion or -- or strategies or technics because we 10 Okay. Let me ask you --11 were receiving, you know, where -- and it's like if we 11 I think it was for the buyers. 12 have to send it, we'll have to send it. And even, you 12 Are you familiar with the brown box -- what 13 know, that we didn't -- we didn't -- we wasn't really 13 we've come to call the brown box in this case? 14 in charge of sending the mailing, it was the office, 14 A Correct 15 the administrative part of the office to do that, and 15 Q What do you understand the brown box to be? 16 16 The contract. 17 Q Who would that have been? 17 Q The contract and what else? 18 A Mel Winnick and the people that were working 18 A That's the contract. 19 in the administration in Galleria. 19 Q And the legal documents, right? 20 Q Melissa Winnick, Sherry Boylan? 20 A Yes. Correct. 21 A Correct. Galleria. 21 Q The condominium documents, the property 22 Q Okay. And now, let me show you what I call 22 report? 23 the brown hardback book and ask you if you have seen 23 A Correct. 24 this before. 24 Q And -- now, those were sent to all 25 A Yes. 25 purchasers, correct? 85 83 1 Q And what is this? A Everybody. That one is the -- really the 2 A The brochure 2 decision and who wants to move forward or who wants to 3 Q This is what you refer to as the final 3 cancel. Q Do you think that this brown book was sent 4 brochure? 5 together with this? 5 A This is -- this is nice, at least --A I don't remember. 6 It's very nice. It's very --6 7 Q Okay. 7 A -- compared with the -- with the photocopies. A I don't remember the time where the brown 8 Q Do you know who prepared this? 9 book arrived than the other one. I -- I'm not sure --9 A No, I don't know. 10 Okay. Is this something that was also sent 10 Q Okav. 11 A -- if that was before or -- or it was 11 to all the people that signed reservation agreements? 12 together. 12 A I think not reservation, it was a contract --Q Did you go through all the material that's in 13 13 Q You think that --14 the brown book -- brown box yourself? 14 A -- what they sent. 15 Q You think that would --15 A No. I'm not an expert. And, you know, my 16 English also is not, like, so perfect to understand 16 A If they sent the contract, they get their 17 book; if not, no. those complicated -- but, you know, I know that it's a condo docs and it's the -- the hot property report 18 Q Okay. 19 which is scary so --19 A Too expensive. No, I'm just kidding. 20 Q Okay. Did you ever review the condo docs in 20 Q Okay. Were you serious or were you kidding? 21 this case? 21 A No. I'm just kidding. Kidding. 22 A The condo docs. 22 Q Okav. 23 Q Yeah. Did you read them? 23 A No. I think it was with the contract. And 24 A Not -- not the whole book, no. 24 this didn't arrive in the reservation process. 25 25 Q Okay. Did you read the HUD property report Q Okay. So, you think this came after the



86 88 1 in this case? 1 know, asking me because, you know, she -- she moved to 2 Fort Lauderdale. I think she was kind of -- Maritza A I know that I saw it. And, you know, that --3 Meza was gone and everybody were gone so Michelle Conte 3 that is really the people that wants to move forward, 4 that is the -- the point. If they want to move 4 called me two times or three times, but, you know, I 5 forward, they move; if not, they can cancel, right? 5 don't recall -- beside that, everything was like every Q Right. Until this sign their contract, -- different places. Nobody was there. Q Do you know how long it's been since you had 7 right, and the 15 days after? 8 A Correct. communication with Michelle Conte? 9 A I don't have any -- but -- I don't know Q Okay. 9 10 anything about her right now. 10 A 15 days reviewing period. Q Okay. Since that time when you had contact 11 Q And that's the case even if they -- even if 11 12 with Michelle Conte, have you had any further 12 there was no HUD property report for a condominium, 13 they still have 15 days after to cancel, correct? 13 communication or contact with Stillman or his company? 14 A Yes. Yes. Yes. 14 A Zero 15 Q For all condominiums that are developed in 15 Q Zero? 16 A Zero. 16 Florida? 17 And how about with Trump or his company? 17 A 15 days reviewing period, correct. 18 18 Q Correct. Q And how about with Bayrock or their company? 19 MR. ALTSCHUL: Let's take about a five-minute 19 20 break. I might be pretty much wrapped up, but I 20 A Never had communication with Bayrock, no. No. 21 21 Q How about with any purchasers? just want to step out and go through my notes. 22 22 A Zero. (Thereupon, a short break was taken.) 23 (Deposition resumed.) 23 Q So, you haven't had -- once you transitioned 24 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. Back on. 24 to Da Vinci --25 A Da Vinci. Q (By Mr. Altschul) Have you had any -- strike 25 89 87 1 that. Now that we have gone through some documents, if Q -- you were done with this? 2 you have any recollection of when you left working on 2 3 this project? 3 Q No further communication with anybody? 4 A I don't remember. It was almost ten years or A Zero, Zero, Q Until now? 5 more, right? 6 Q Well, most of the contracts were signed in 6 A Until now that you are calling me and I 7 January -- December of 2005 or January of 2006. Did 7 didn't want to be in the middle because it wasn't really good experience for me. 8 you continue to work on this project after that time? A I was -- I pass to Da Vinci on the Ocean. A Q Okay. Yeah. Why didn't you want to appear 10 for deposition? 10 second project on Sunny Isles Beach --A Because you never want to be in the middle. 11 11 Q Okay. And when did you --12 A -- with Galleria Collection of Fine Homes. 12 Never been in the -- I'm -- you know, I am person who 13 didn't have any problem with anybody. I don't like 13 Q Okay. Do you know approximately when it was 14 conflict. 14 that you transitioned to Da Vinci on the Ocean? Q Okay. 15 15 A No. It was, you know -- I don't remember 16 A So, I don't want to be in the middle. 16 exact but, you know, I remember that we did the 17 contract and we passed to the second project. 17 MR. ALTSCHUL: Okay. All right. I have no 18 further questions. 18 Q Okay. Have you had any follow-up on the 19 MR. RUSSOMANNO: I just have a couple. 19 Trump project since --20 (Thereupon, a short discussion was had off 20 A With the client? 21 record.) 21 Q -- since you transitioned to Da Vinci on the 22 (Deposition resumed.) 22 Ocean? 23 **CROSS-EXAMINATION** 23 A With the clients or --24 BY MR. RUSSOMANNO: 24 Q With anybody. With anybody. 25 Q Good afternoon. 25 A Michelle Conte were, you know, talking -- you



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1	A Good afternoon.		1	takes down. Okay. You can waive that right and	
2	Q I'm one of Donald Trump's lawyers. I'm just		2	rely on the transcription itself to be accurate,	
3	going to ask you just a handful of question. As we		3	or you can ask to read the deposition of this	
4	went through earlier, I'm not the one that subpoenaed		4	case.	
	you to testify for deposition today Mr. Altschul's		5	You'll have to call them out	
	office did. He represents the plaintiffs. But I have		6	THE COURT REPORTER: We'll contact you.	
7	an opportunity to ask you a couple of questions. And		7	MR. CHARLIP: They'll contact you and you	
	let me just go through a couple of them. It's true		8	have to read it. And at that point, if perhaps	
			9	you understand what you said, you can change the	
9	that you've never been employed by Donald Trump or		10	words and things like that.	
1	Trump Organization, correct?		11	A Okay. She's going to send me that via mail?	
11	A Correct.		12	THE COURT REPORTER: We'll call you and then	
12	Q And Donald Trump never gave you the		13	we can schedule something. If they want to do it	
	instructions that Maritza Meza gave to you, correct?		14	by e-mail, they can do that.	
14	A Correct.		15	MR. CHARLIP: Yeah. You'll have to go there	
15	Q And Donald Trump or his organization, the		16	to her office generally.	
	Trump Organization, never gave you these instructions		17	THE COURT REPORTER: Generally, sometimes	
	that you said Maritza Meza gave you, correct?		18	they can do it but we'll contact you first.	
18	A Correct.		19	A Okay.	
19	Q And you said earlier, you don't know who		20	THE COURT REPORTER: So, are you guys going	
20	prepared the sales materials and brochures, right?		21	to order this?	
21	A I don't know.		22	MR. ALTSCHUL: I'll let you know.	
22	Q And when you mentioned the rental program		23	THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.	
1	with Jill Cremer earlier, that was in regard to the		24	(Deposition concluded at 3:50 p.m.)	
	hotel rental rates, correct?		25	(Reading and signing of the deposition by the	
25	A Correct.				
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1	MR. RUSSOMANNO: Okay. I have no further		1	witness has been reserved.)	
2	questions. I really appreciate your time.		2	Without had been received.	
3	MR. RENGSTL: I just have two questions.		3		
4	CROSS-EXAMINATION		4 5		
5	BY MR. RENGSTL:		6		
6	Q Good afternoon, Carina. My name is Patrick		7		
	Rengstl. I represent Corus Construction Venture, a		8 9		
8	defendant in the case. Have you had any discussions		10		
	either verbally or in writing with anyone at Corus		11 12		
	Construction Venture or Corus Bank about the project?		13		
11	A No.		14 15		
12	Q And how about any discussions with any buyers		15 16		
	of this project regarding Corus Bank or Corus		17		
	Construction Venture?		18 19		
15	A As far as no.		20		
16	MR. RENGSTL: Okay. Nothing further.		21		
17	MR. ALTSCHUL: If the transcript is ordered,		22 23		
18	you'll have an opportunity to either read the		24		
19	transcript or you can waive the reading of the		25		
20	transcript. It will be up to you and your				
21	attorney can help you with that decision on				
22	whether to read or waive. But I have no further				
23	questions at this time.				
1	A Read what, what it's saying?				
24	A Read what, what it's saying?				
25	MR. CHARLIP: Yes. What the court reporter				



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